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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 (amended) Compounds according to claim 1 in which R_1 represents an ethylogadical.

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